Defrauding of Banks by Sugarcane Farmers

3899. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether seven hundred and thirty sugarcane farmers in Nizamabad, Andhra Pradesh have defrauded banks to the tune of crores of rupees in connivance with field staff of sugar factory;

(b) if so, the action taken against the defaulters; and

(c) the effective steps taken to prevent such malpractices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) have reported that they do not have any specific information regarding the defrauding of banks by sugarcane farmers in Andhra Pradesh.

(c) NABARD conducts periodic inspection of Co-operative Banks and Regional Rural Banks with reference to their financial position on 31 March. Instances of frauds, if any, would be observed during such inspections and corrective steps are taken to protect the interests of the banks and customer.

Employees working in the Government of India Mint

3900. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of the employees as well as security guards working in the Government of India Mint House, Gautam Buddha Nagar, U.P.;

(b) whether the employees can cast their votes in General Elections, if not, whether some employees had cast their votes in the Elections held by the Election Commission some years ago and they are still working in the Mint; and

(c) what are the names of those employees in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) : (a) There are 274 employees in India Government Mint, Noida including 26 security personnel.